

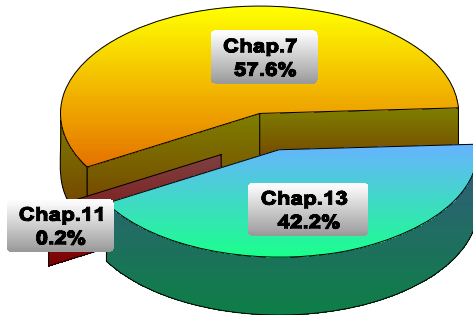


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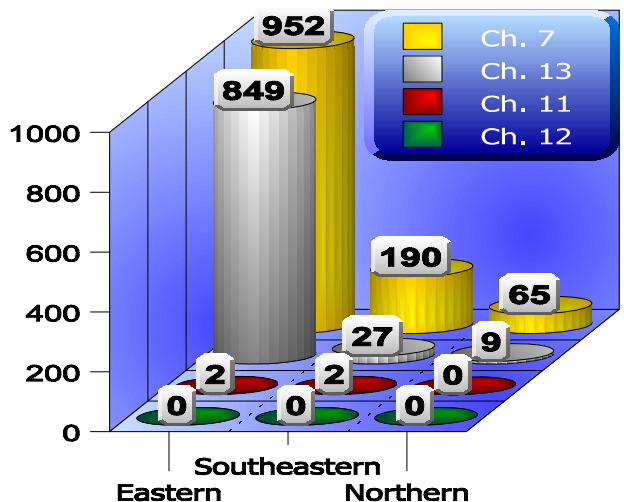
October through December 2006 Quarterly Case Processing Statistics



New Cases

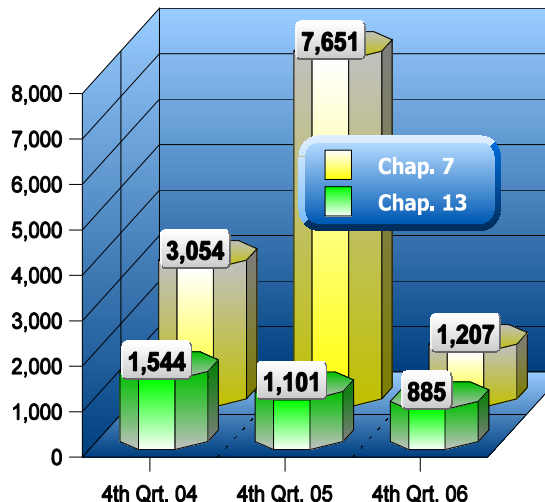
During the fourth quarter of the calendar year 2006, the Court opened a total of 2,096 new cases. There were 1,803 cases filed in the Eastern division, 219 cases in the Southeastern division and 74 cases filed in the Northern division. The court reopened 79 additional cases. The new cases

consisted of 1,207 Chapter 7 filings, 4 Chapter 11 filings and 885 cases filed under Chapter 13. There were no new cases filed under Chapter 9 or Chapter 12. The chart above indicates the percentage of new cases filed under each chapter. Additionally there were 190 new Adversary Proceedings, 1,162 motions to lift the automatic stay and 79 motions to avoid liens. The chart at right indicates the number of new cases filed during the fourth quarter in each division broken down by chapter.



Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Filings

During the fourth quarter, 1,207 Chapter 7 petitions and 885 Chapter 13 petitions were filed with the Court. These figures constitute 58% and 42%, respectively, of the total number of new cases filed this quarter. For comparison purposes, in the fourth quarter of 2005, the Court received 7,651 new Chapter 7 petitions (87%) and 1,101 new Chapter 13 petitions (13%). The chart at right indicates the filing figures for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases for the fourth quarter of 2006 and the past two calendar years.



Case Closings

The Court closed 2,679 cases during the quarter. Case terminations by division included 2,356 for the Eastern division, 205 for the Southeastern division and 118 cases for the Northern division. The number of cases closed this quarter is lesser than the number closed during the fourth quarter of 2005 when the Court closed 4,769 cases. The Court also closed 89 adversary proceedings during the quarter.

Pending Caseload

The pending caseload at the end of the quarter was 12,424 cases, a decrease of 504 cases from the 3rd quarter. These 504 cases reflect a 3.9% decrease in pending caseload from last quarter when there were 12,928 cases pending at the end of the quarter. The chart below depicts the change in pending caseload over the previous four quarters. During that time, the number of pending cases decreased by 11.9% (1,685 cases), or an average of 421 cases each quarter. The number of adversary proceedings pending increased by 102 cases in the quarter leaving 251 cases pending.

